(b) The details of proposals under Central Road Fund are as under.

(Rs in crores)

	No. of schemes	Cost
(i) Development of State Highways and Major Distt roads carrying Heavy Traffic	264	199 61
(ii) Engineering aspects of road safety covering improvement of traffic junction etc	17	8 32
(iii) Research and development and development of data base.	5	3 92
(iv) Formation of State Sector Road Development programme	42	35 65
(v) Preventive maintenance by way of strengthening heavy density corridors	24	23 00
(vi) Training of Highways Engineer	1	3 15

(c) As the actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited has not been processed for approval However, out of 353 schemes, two schemes costing Rs. 3 00 crores have been sanctioned against the unaugmented Central Road Fund.

Complaint about encroachment of forest land in Chandrapur District of Maharashtra

796 SHRI NARESH C PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament have made complaints about encroachment of forest land at Ghugus sub-area to an extent of 93.21 acres in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra by the Western Coalfields Limited without getting clearance from Forest and Environment Departments;

(b) whether Government have made any enquiry, if so, with what results;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that this land belongs to the State Government's revenue Department which is a big tree forest in the revenue record survey No 111-116/1 and 224 in the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra,

(d) whether it is a fact that for the purpose of acquiring this land, records have been tampered with; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI). (a) No such complaint has been received in the Ministry.

(b) to (e) The State Government of Maharashtra has been requested to look into the matter and report. Information will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

U.S. warning to Pakistan on aid to Kashmiri terrorists

797. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent U.S. war-

ning to Pakistan to desist from aiding Kashmiri terrorists, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have taken up the issue of Pak Aid to terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab with the Government of Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Government have noted the reports about the contents of a letter written by the U.S. Ambassador in Pakistan to the so called President of Pakistan occupied Kashmir, Sardar Abdul Qayuum.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Pakistan Government maintains that it is not providing any physical and material aid to terrorists.

National Highways passing through Bihar

798 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have formulated any proposal to improve the condition of national highways passing through Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of the highways identified, and

(c) the amount of money proposed to be spent by Government thereon during the next year?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Improvement of National Highways is a continuous process and works are taken up in a phased manner through Annual Plans

(b) The selected sections of National Highway numbers 2, 23, 28, 28A, 30, 31, 32 & 33 passing through Bihar have been included in the 1990-91 Annual Plan for improvement.

(c) The amount of money to be spent next year on National Highways in Bihar would depend on the overall allocations in the next year's budget

Applications pending for telephone connections in Bihar

799 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state·

(a) what is the number of applicants waiting for telephone connections in Bihar, and

(b) the time by when they will be provided with phones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH) (a) 18335.

(b) The objectives of the Eighth Plan is to provide telephone on demand in exchanges of capacities below 5000 lines and to contain waiting list to one year in exchanges having a capacity of 5000 lines and above by the end of the Eighth Plan on the basis of present demand projections With these objectives, expansion plans are drawn for clearing the present waiting list progressively during the Eighth Plan period.

Myanmar Government in exile

800 SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that a Myanmar Government in-exile has been formed by the recently-elected Members of Parliament against the Army Junta; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government in respect of supporting the democratic process and human rights in that country?